

# ROUTED BANDITS BEING HUNTED; VILLA DESERTS

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Up the Trail and Are Searching for  
the Scattered Villistas

## VILLA WAS PROBABLY NOT WOUNDED

Latest Report Says That He May Have  
Given Out Report That He Was Hurt  
In Order to Put His Pursuers Off  
the Trail

San Antonio, Texas, April 1.—With only a brief rest, Colonel Dodd's cavalry, to whom fell the honor Wednesday of dispersing 500 Villa men at Guerrero, has resumed the chase of the scattered bandit bands, while the supporting forces of American troops cover the railroad toward Chihuahua, and a smaller detachment began beating the country for signs of the bandit leader himself.

Just where Villa went when the Americans charged his forces at Guerrero is not known here. Unofficial reports to-day indicated the possibility of an error in the report that Villa was injured. One of these which came from Mexican sources said he was uninjured and had spread the report of his broken leg in order to distract attention of the Americans.

### Report of Villa's Capture Not Believed

El Paso, Texas, April 1.—The capture of Villa by the flying squadrons of American cavalry searching the Sierra Madres mountains is believed in army circles to be only a question of days. That Villa already has been captured and is being brought back to Casas Grandes was the report heard to-day, but it is not credited in official quarters.

El Paso, Texas, April 1.—Four hundred American cavalrymen under command of Col. George A. Dodd, galloping down from the granite slopes of the great Continental divide, have fallen on the main body of Francisco Villa's bandits at the San Gerónimo ranch, scattering them in many directions and driving the bandit chief, wounded and crippled, to seek a hiding place in the mountains. Villa was hurried from danger in a carriage. The fight opened at 6 o'clock in the morning of March 29 and continued for several hours. The news of the exploit was flashed into Juarez yesterday and sent a thrill along the border. For 17 hours the veteran colonel, with his picked troops of the seventh and 10th cavalry, drove down the valley of the Santa Maria river. At the end of a 55-mile ride they fell upon the unsuspecting Villa camp, where 500 bandits were celebrating the massacre of 172 Carranza soldiers two days previously at Guerrero.

Villa, shot through the leg and with one hip shattered, was hurried from the scene, barely in time to escape the onslaught of the Americans. The bandits made a brief but hopeless stand before a charge of Colonel Dodd and his troops. Then they broke and fled, leaving 31 dead on the field, including their commander, Gen. Elizeo Hernandez. Two machine guns, a number of horses, rifles, ammunition and equipments, fell into the hands of the Americans.

Among the known wounded is Pablo Lopez, Villa's lieutenant in the Columbus raid. The American casualties were four privates wounded.

The American soldiers did not linger in the field. For five hours they drove the enemy before them into the wilderness of mountain peak, desert and canyon, where roads or even trails are unknown, and where a misty veil hangs over horse and rider. They halted only after the chase had led them 10 miles and the fugitives were scattered into little bands of half a dozen men each.

Villa's career has ended; his power has been broken. His death or capture is a question of days, perhaps only hours. Such is the inevitable conclusion reached here, as little by little the details of Dodd's ride reach the border. It seems impossible that the bandit can long remain hidden, even in the mountainous wastes in which he has sought refuge.

The scene of Colonel Dodd's victory is a broad valley lying at the head of the Santa Maria river. On the west side rise the barren foothills of the Continental divide, and to the east is a trail, made famous by Villa, which leads through the Laguna de Castilla district to Santa Vaele. It was at the latter place that Villa killed 18 American mining men, a crime which sent a thrill of horror through the United States and marked the beginning of what many believe to be the end of his blood-stained career. It was toward Santa Vaele that he was believed to be heading when the troops of the United States swept down from the north upon his camp.

From the meagre details which have reached here from Mexican and American military sources, Colonel Dodd's men made their way unnoticed through the arroyos and deep gulches which split up the foothills in all directions and were almost in the camp before the alarm was given.

Villa is reported to have been in a small tent, nursing his injuries, when the crash of the American volley fired awoke the bandit to panic-stricken action.

The extraordinary hold the bandit chief has on his followers is shown by

# GAINED GROUND IN VAUX

German Drive During Night  
Forced the French to Give  
Way in Part of the Vil-  
lage, Allowing Germans to  
Get Footing in That Ter-  
ritory

## OTHER HEAVY ATTACK WAS REPULSED

West of the Meuse, There  
Was a Violent Bombard-  
ment in the Region of Ma-  
lancourt, Indicating That  
Infantry Assault Would  
Be Made There

Paris, April 1.—The German forces delivered two heavy attacks last night in the Verdun region east of the Meuse. The war office announced this afternoon that one attack gained the Germans a footing in the village of Vaux and the other was repulsed. West of the river there was a violent bombardment in the region of Malancourt.

An Attack Last Evening Repulsed.

The official statement last night was as follows: "In the region of Le Mort Homme, after a violent bombardment, the enemy toward 6 o'clock in the evening started against our positions to the northeast of Cote 295, a strong attack accompa-

panied with a barrier of lacrymose shells. "The Germans succeeded for a moment in gaining a footing in some elements of our first line, but were driven out through a vigorous attack by our troops. Another attack, directed a little later to the west of the same position, failed completely.

"To the east of the Meuse and in the Woëvre there has been moderate artillery activity.

"In the forest of Apremont we have bombarded enemy cantonments at Vervain. Our fire against a German battery in action caused several caissons to explode.

"To the south of the Somme the enemy, after artillery preparations, attempted a series of attacks in force against our small command in the region of Dompreire. All their attempts failed.

"In Champagne our destructive fires shattered German trenches to the south of Saint-Marie-a-Py. A German aeroplane, which was struck by our special guns, fell in flames within the enemy's lines to the north of Tahure.

"In the Argonne our artillery shell troops on the march in the direction of Varennes.

"One of our aviation pilots, in the course of a spirited fight, brought down an Aviatik inside our lines at Soppe, in the region of Belfort."

## NORWEGIAN SHIP A WAR SACRIFICE

The Memento of 1,000 Tons Has Been  
Sent to the Bottom and One of Her  
Crew Was Lost.

London, April 1.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the thousand-ton Norwegian steamer Memento. One of the crew was drowned; the others were saved.

Lloyds also reports the sinking of the 1,200-ton Norwegian steamship Norge and of the British schooner John Pritard. The crews of both were saved.

## HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK.

German War Vessel Said to Have Been  
Cause of Loss.

Paris, April 1.—The hospital ship Portugal has been sunk in the Black sea by a German torpedo boat or submarine with a large number of wounded aboard, according to an announcement of the official bureau last night. It is said that the Portugal had Red Cross signals conspicuously displayed.

The Portugal was owned by the Messagerie Maritime de Marseilles and had been placed at the disposal of the Russian government.

The Portugal was 444 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 5,533 tons. She was built at La Ciotat in 1887.

## SHOT AT OFFICER.

Is Allegation Against Sherman P. Wade  
of Milton.

Milton, April 1.—State's Attorney T. E. Hopkins was in Milton Thursday investigating the case against Sherman P. Wade, charged with assaulting an officer and attempting to shoot him. F. E. Grow, the constable, had a chattel mortgage for foreclosure on the property of Mr. Wade, a saw mill. Wade had taken off the governor and the throttle to the engine and had them in his pocket, bought a box of shells, went home and got a high-power rifle and is said to have started out to shoot up the men at the mill. Mr. Grow met him and attempted to stop his going to the mill, as Wade had said he would kill William Garrow and Edison Lamb, who worked at the mill, and then kill himself. Wade showed fight, it is charged at the officer with his gun, and then shot at him upon which he was arrested and handcuffed.

## GERMANY SAID TO BE IN DARK ABOUT ATTACKS

Ambassador Gerard Cables that Govern-  
ment at Berlin Has Informed Him  
that It is Investigating.

Washington, D. C., April 1.—Ambassador Gerard cables the state department to-day he had been informed by the German government that nothing was known officially there of the attacks on the steamers Sussex and Englishman, but that investigation was being made. He said the German government informed him it had only the newspaper reports on the two cases up to the present.

The contents of Ambassador Gerard's note was immediately wireless to President Wilson who is on a week-end trip down the Potomac on the naval yacht Mayflower. The investigation promised by Berlin may take a week or more. The submarine commanders at sea have to report before the German government can say definitely whether its submarines attacked the steamers.

## FEARED ATTEMPT TO RESCUE SPY

Schiller Was Transferred to New York  
Last Night in Order to Frustrate  
Any Daring Work.

Lewes, Del., April 1.—Ernst Schiller, the German stowaway who captured the British steamer Hatoppo, was taken from jail here last night by detectives and hurried across the country to Harrington in an automobile. From there, it was said, he would be taken by train to New York. The detectives said they had received information that attempts would be made to rescue Schiller and with the consent of the local authorities they decided to take him to New York.

Schiller himself readily consented to go, saying he would do anything to keep out of the hands of the British officials. Justice of the peace register, Immigration Inspector Reiss and Dr. Messick, the quarantine physician, who examined Schiller in jail here, accompanied the detectives.

## WILL RECOMMEND THAT BRANDEIS BE CONFIRMED

Senate Judiciary Sub-committee Stands  
Three to Two, Party Lines Being  
Drawn, and Each One Will  
Submit a Separate  
Report.

Washington, D. C., April 1.—By a vote of three to two, the Senate Judiciary sub-committee which has been considering the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court to-day voted to recommend confirmation to the entire committee. Those voting for confirmation were Senators Chilton, Walsh and Fletcher, Democrats; those voting against were Senators Cummings and Works, Republicans. The full committee is understood to stand virtually even.

Each member of the sub-committee will submit a separate report, setting forth the grounds upon which he reached his conclusion. The entire committee will meet Monday but it is not expected the matter will be voted upon until later.

## MAKE THREAT OF BIG STRIKE ON STREET CARS

Woburn, Mass., Trolley System Was  
Tied Up This Morning Because  
Men Struck to Secure Re-  
instatement of Con-  
ductor.

Woburn, Mass., April 1.—No trolley cars left the barns of the Bay State street railway in this city and none came into the city from adjoining places during the early hours this morning. About eight conductors and motormen are involved in the strike which went into effect on the Woburn division at midnight, following the refusal of the company to reinstate Conductor John J. Martin, former president of the local union, who the company claims, was discharged for failing to set a signal light.

The leaders of the union say that if the company endeavors to restore the service with strike-breakers, a sympathetic strike on the entire system involving 4,000 men in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island will be called.

## GIBSON NOT AGGRESSOR.

Was Important Feature of Prosecution's  
Evidence in Leighton Case.

Woodstock, April 1.—The tendency of the evidence for the state in the alleged murder case against the Leightons of Sharon is to show that on the morning of the fracas, Charles Leighton was working there or four miles from home. When told that Mr. Gibson had gone with four teams driven by Orlo M. Wheeler, Fred and Solon Spaulding and Will Moore, all of Sharon, to get the logs, he pulled two sled stakes of lever wood, about four feet long, out of a nearby sled and started for home with his horse on the gallop. When he got to the woods where the men were loading the logs, his two sons, Walter and Newell, had the sled stakes and he had a five-shot rifle, U. S. 30-20, which his sons had some time before borrowed of Walter L. Aldrich.

## SEC. CARDI RESIGNS.

George Maker is Temporary Secretary  
of C. L. U.

At the regular meeting of the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity last evening Silvio L. Cardi, who has served the organization efficiently as secretary for several years, tendered his resignation to take effect at once. Mr. Cardi's request that the union comply with his wishes was honored and George Maker was elected to serve in his stead, with the understanding that a permanent successor be elected at the next monthly meeting, when a complete slate of officers is to be elected. Mr. Cardi will continue as custodian of the central body's library. Routine matters occupied the attention of the union until adjournment.

## A ZEPPELIN CAPTURED BY BRITISH

One of Five Airships in Raid  
Upon England's Eastern  
Counties Came Down at  
the Mouth of the Thames,  
and Its Crew Were Taken  
Prisoners

## HUGE BULK THEN WAS SUBMERGED

About 100 Bombs Were  
Dropped in Many Places—  
Another Raid by Hostile  
Aircraft Was Made Over  
the Northeastern Counties

London, April 1.—It is officially announced that one of the Zeppelins that raided eastern counties last night came down off the mouth of the Thames and was captured by a British patrol boat. After the crew had been taken off, the machine sank. Twenty-eight persons were killed and 44 were injured during the raid, according to the official figures.

The first official statement of the raid said: "An air raid took place last night over the eastern counties in which five Zeppelins are believed to have taken part. All the raiders crossed the coast at different places and times and steered different courses.

"A present about 90 bombs are reported to have been dropped in various localities in the eastern counties, but the results are not known.

"It is further reported that hostile aircraft visited the northeast coast, but no details have yet been received."

## FORMER PRECEPTRESS GREETED.

Miss Eliza C. Isham Guest at Goddard Reception.

Miss Eliza C. Isham, whose services as preceptress at Goddard seminary extended over a period of 17 years, from 1898 to 1915, was given a welcome reception at the institution Friday afternoon, when students, present members of the faculty and alumni assembled in the school parlors. Miss Isham, who is a member of the Burlington high school faculty, is a guest of Prin. O. K. Hollister and Mrs. Hollister at their home on Merchant street. Her visit to the seminary was made on the occasion of reopening the school parlors, which have been refurbished entirely in the past few weeks.

From 4 o'clock until 6 friends of the former preceptress were given an opportunity to greet her. In the receiving line with Miss Isham were Principal and Mrs. Hollister, Miss Agnes Safford, the present preceptress, and Noub V. Barker, also of the faculty. A number of young women students, who acted as ushers, while the reception was in progress, later assisted in serving dainty refreshments of sherbet and wafers. The service was in charge of Mrs. F. M. Lynde, a member of the class of 1888, and Mrs. George Kent, class of 1898. A charming bouquet of jonquills adorned the refreshment table, while calls lilied were used effectively in the reception room arrangement. During the reception the seminary orchestra, in the lower hall of the administration building, played overtures.

Since the plan to refurbish the school parlors was first entertained, much has been achieved in the way of beautifying the rooms that have been used at the seminary for reception purposes through many years. Oak floors have been laid. Steel columns replace the wicker formerly in evidence and new Lyon-Persian rugs have been laid. An indirect lighting system has been added and a complete set of mission furniture, finished mission-style in turned oak, to harmonize with the interior arrangement, has been installed. In short, the parlors have been so thoroughly transformed that they will be scarcely recognized by graduates returning at commencement time.

Proceeds of a "seven-cent fair" given by the students in the autumn of 1915 and the accumulation of the Goddard Record fund, aggregating together \$700, have made it possible for the school authorities to refurbish the parlors in a manner that entirely befits the uses to which they are put with growing frequency.

## BLAMED THE "MOVIES."

Judge Thought They Had Bad Influence  
on Young Minds.

"Movies are getting to be worse than the saloon," declared Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court to-day as he listened to the stories of youthful crime related by a couple of nine-year-old youngsters who ascribed their transgressions, in part, to the baleful influence of the film show. Petty larcenies extending over a wide area in the city and including the theft of milk bottles, umbrellas, door mats and rubbers were uncovered by the police this week with the result that the two lads were hauled before the judge under the juvenile act. Both boys freely confessed to visiting verandas systematically and selling their loot to a Maple avenue junk dealer.

It wasn't the intercessions of the father of one of the lads that kept both respondents from going to the state industrial school. When consulted as to his son's conduct, the father declared that any further corrective measures were useless and advocated that the boy be sent to Vergennes. The respondents, however, showed a disposition to repent and after being adjudged delinquents, they were put on parole pending good behavior. The police say that the boys are responsible for many of the minor thefts that have been reported at headquarters since the beginning of the winter.

## BEGIN OFFICIAL YEAR.

Various Barre Men Entered Upon Their  
Duties To-day.

Appointive and elective officers whose titles to their respective offices were ratified either by the voters at the March elections or by confirmative action on the part of the aldermanic board, began their fiscal year to-day, April 1. In some instances officeholders who were reappointed by Mayor Robert Gordon have failed to qualify and in such cases their continuance in office by virtue of the fact that they have qualified at some time or another in the past. While the mayor and the aldermen elected March 7 took the oath almost immediately, other officials did not take office virtually until to-day.

Through the demise of Werner E. Beck, there remains a vacancy to be filled in the list of assistant engineers. Mr. Beck was reappointed soon after Mayor Gordon came into office and he qualified at once, as had been his custom in years past. Death, however, cut short his long-time affiliation with Barre's organized fire department.

Officers whose terms began to-day and who have qualified for the discharge of their duties are: Frank O. Lee, water superintendent and city engineer; James S. Wilson, superintendent of streets; William Wislitz, city attorney and state-paid grand juror; W. J. Clapp, overseer of the poor; Dr. P. S. Duffy, city physician; Dr. J. W. Stewart, secretary of the board of health; Augustus M. Rossi, assessor for three years; George M. Rand, inspector of buildings; David Gilbertson, inspector of electric wiring; E. M. Tobin, first assistant engineer; R. D. Carpenter, third assistant engineer; E. T. Catron, cemetery commissioner; William McDonald, trustee of cemetery trust funds; B. B. Jackson, poundkeeper; Louis Rolio, C. D. Badger and C. W. Clifford, city weighers; park commissioner, George N. Tilden; fence viewer, J. C. Harri; auditors, D. J. Sullivan and William Stephen. Although W. B. Marston has not yet qualified as a third member of the auditing board, he continues in office for the reason that he qualified for service last year. The fire chief and the city physician, each receiving an increase of \$100, are the only officers whose salaries were changed.

The board of assessors began their duties this morning in conformance with the statutes. For several days the board has been engaged in appraising new property, additions and improvements. To-day the office at city hall was opened for the receiving of inventories. Business did not start off with a rush, but property owners and all taxpayers, for that matter, have until April 20, under the statute, to call at the assessors' office and swear to their inventories, if they have property that can be assessed. After April 20, persons who have been delinquent in the matter of making appearance before the board, whether or not they swear to property or are merely subject to a poll taxation, may be dealt with almost at the discretion of the assessors.

A telephone has been installed at the office, the call number being 76-W. The following canvassers have been appointed to distribute notification slips and to collect the names of persons liable to taxation: Ward 1, A. Anderson; ward 2, Nelson Brown, Thomas Carroll; ward 3, Lawrence Lander, E. P. Maker; ward 4, Peter Thom, John Frontini; ward 5, Carl D. Waterman, Kino Maggiani; ward 6, John T. Callaghan, Egidio Rullo.

## CLINTON M. BASSETT.

Died Last Night at His Home on Sum-  
mer Street.

Clinton M. Bassett passed away at his home, 47 Summer street, Friday evening at 7 o'clock, the end following an illness of nearly a year. He had been confined to his bed only four days. Mr. Bassett is survived by his wife, who was Miss Inez Brown, to whom he was married in Barre 25 years ago, and seven children, Forrest M. Bassett, Robert C. Bassett, Earl D. Bassett, Mrs. Mildred E. Payne, Frank W. Bassett, Mary E. Bassett and George W. Bassett. Surviving also are his mother, Mrs. John Johnston, and two brothers, Burton Bassett of Barre town and Hayes Bassett of Cabot.

The deceased was born in Barre town April 17, 1870. As a young man he was employed as a granite cutter, being affiliated with the organization of that trade for several years. Latterly he belonged to the humpers' union and prior to his last illness he was in the employ of Smith, Whittier & Co. Funeral services are to be held at the house, 47 Summer street, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Maplewood cemetery.

## \$7,000 VERDICT RENDERED.

Against American News Vending Concern  
and Two Officers.

Burlington, April 1.—After being out from 10:30 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the jury in the county court case of Gardner B. Arnold of this city vs. E. X. Somers, et al., returned a verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$7,000 from the American News Vending Machine company of St. Johnsbury, J. E. Alexander and E. X. Somers, and also returned a verdict in favor of Dr. W. J. Albrecht, F. M. Abbott and A. P. Ladd, directors of the company, who were co-defendants in the case. The verdict for the plaintiff carries with it the costs, which will be assessed by the court. The suit, which has been under consideration for nearly two weeks, alleged a conspiracy on the part of the American News Vending company through its directors to defraud the plaintiff and the accomplishment of the fraud by the sale to him through the misrepresentations of J. E. Alexander, salesman for the company, of the patent rights to manufacture and sell the new rights to machines in the state of New York, and also of certain tool equipment necessary for the manufacture of such machines. The plaintiff asked \$10,000 damages. The defendants made a general denial of the plaintiff's allegations. Judge Zed S. Stanton delivered his charge to the jury immediately after court convened yesterday morning and instructed them that the plaintiff could not succeed unless he proved that the defendant had fraudulently obtained the patent rights to manufacture and sell the new rights to machines in the state of New York, and also of certain tool equipment necessary for the manufacture of such machines. The plaintiff asked \$10,000 damages. The defendants made a general denial of the plaintiff's allegations. Judge Zed S. Stanton delivered his charge to the jury immediately after court convened yesterday morning and instructed them that the plaintiff could not succeed unless he proved that the defendant had fraudulently obtained the patent rights to manufacture and sell the new rights to machines in the state of New York, and also of certain tool equipment necessary for the manufacture of such machines. The plaintiff asked \$10,000 damages. The defendants made a general denial of the plaintiff's allegations.

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Pastor of Hedding Church  
to Go to New Eng-  
land Conference

## SERVED FOUR YEARS WITH BARRE CHURCH

The Announcement Received To-day  
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Announcement was made to members of the Hedding Methodist church to-day that their pastor, Rev. Elmer F. Newell, is to be transferred to the New England conference after serving three churches in the Vermont conference and that his new charge will be in Massachusetts, perhaps in Lynn. The announcement was received with sincere regret by his parishioners, as well as by a large number of townspeople, inasmuch as Dr. Newell had come to be regarded very highly in the community where he had served four years. At the recent quarterly conference of the Hedding church the unanimous request was expressed that he be returned as pastor for another year, but it had been known for some time that Dr. and Mrs. Newell desired to be transferred either to the New England or the New England Southern conference, for reasons which were stated to-day by the former.

Mr. Newell said in connection with the proposed transfer, in order that the sudden move of the pastor from the Hedding church of Barre at the Vermont conference may be thoroughly understood, I am, through the kindness of the Barre Times, making this statement:

"For a long time my name has been in the New England and New England Southern conferences so that when the right opportunity came I might be moved to southern New England. A few days before the conference session at Montpelier I received a letter from Bishop Hamilton asking if I still wished to move to Massachusetts. I replied that if the right opportunity came I would like to go, but I owed it to the people of the Hedding church to notify them as soon as possible if I eventually was to move. "I found out for certain this morning and I at once got in touch with the people of the Hedding church.

"Mrs. Newell and myself have many friends in Vermont and the three churches where we have labored are dear to us. Barre and the people are dear to us. Their kindness, sympathy and loyalty we can never forget. But where we are to go is but a short distance from where some of our friends are buried, where many of our friends are living and Mrs. Newell's mother is well along in years and quite ill during some parts of the year. Our son will be near us in the college that he attends. With these considerations no one can blame us for the move, and I am sure the bishop and the cabinet will do what is right by this important church."

A bishop (Hughes) moved us to Barre four years ago and a bishop moves us out now, in both cases subject to our willingness, of course, to the move. Trusting the future will have ever-increasing prosperity for the Hedding church, I am

Elmer F. Newell.

Rev. Mr. Newell has arranged to be at the morning service at the Hedding church to-morrow and that will probably be his last appearance as pastor of the local church. Rev. Vernon Smith is to preach the sermon at that service.

## METHODIST LAYMEN HOLD ATTENTION AT CONFERENCE

In the Discussion of Methodist Policies  
Longer Pastorates Was Urged—Bishop Hamilton Gave an Address  
Last Evening.

The final business session of the Vermont Methodist conference was held this forenoon at Montpelier, although this afternoon the joint meeting of the ministers and laymen will take place. Brief remarks by Bishop Hamilton preceded the disposal of business and the bishop also gave an address to the class for admission.

The lay electoral conference meeting opened at 10 o'clock in Bethany church with devotion exercises and the following program was successfully carried out: "The Functions of the Official Board," C. S. Andrews of Barre, C. D. Hirtel of Montpelier, and E. H. Howe of North Tipton; "Education," President Guy Potter Benton of the University of Vermont; Rev. A. W. Hewitt of the state board of education, Henry Holt, treasurer of Montpelier seminary; "Sunday Schools—Past, Present and Future," Supt. Sherburn C. Hutchinson of Montpelier public schools, Mrs. A. H. Webb of Fairlee, P. J. Hamilton of Woodstock.

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